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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an indicator which tracks the monthly price of a "marketbasket of goods" for the Nation as a whole and for specific metropolitan areas. The "goods" included in the survey include housing, fuel, food, entertainment, apparel, medical care services, and many other household expenses. The CPI is a tool used by the U. S. Department of Labor for analyzing changes in the purchasing power of the dollars we spend. The base period currently used for the index is an average for the period 1982-1984. The base period was changed to the current time period in January 1988.

The only two areas within the State of Texas for which CPI data are available are the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston CMSA's (Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas). Data for these Texas areas are published only bi-monthly. No CPI data are available for the State as a whole. As recently as 1987, the CPI for the Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA was higher than the U. S. CPI. As the after-effects of the oil and gas and construction downturns spread through the State, however, the CPI for both Texas areas slid downward [see **CPI Chart on page 3**]. They have been gradually moving upward again in the past few months.

UNEMPLOYMENT SLIPS DOWNWARD

The Statewide actual unemployment rate declined moderately over the month, dropping to 7.3 percent in February from the January rate of 7.6 percent. The current rate was over a percentage point below the February 1988 rate of 8.7 percent. There were an estimated 594,000 jobless Texans in mid-February 1989, and total employment was estimated at 7,556,500. Total employment dropped slightly over the month but continued to be well above the year-ago level. There were an estimated 190,900 agricultural workers in Texas in February,

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)

	Feb. '89	Jan. '89	Feb. '88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	121,906.0	122,095.0	119,942.0
Unemployment	6,883.0	7,309.0	7,482.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	6.0%	6.2%
Total Employment	115,023.0	114,786.0	112,460.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,181.0	123,427.0	121,165.0
Unemployment	6,328.0	6,716.0	6,892.0
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Total Employment	116,853.0	116,711.0	114,273.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,150.5	8,188.1	8,184.4
Unemployment	594.0	621.8	715.5
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.6%	8.7%
Total Employment	7,556.5	7,566.3	7,468.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,254.0	8,303.0	8,289.0
Unemployment	551.0	590.0	673.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.1%	8.1%
Total Employment	7,703.0	7,713.0	7,616.0

according to the Current Population Survey.

Much of the over-the-month decrease in both employment and unemployment was due to a common occurrence in February — the voluntary withdrawal from the labor force of seasonal workers after their Christmas jobs are deleted. Many of these workers do not want permanent work and leave the labor force when they are released from their holiday jobs.

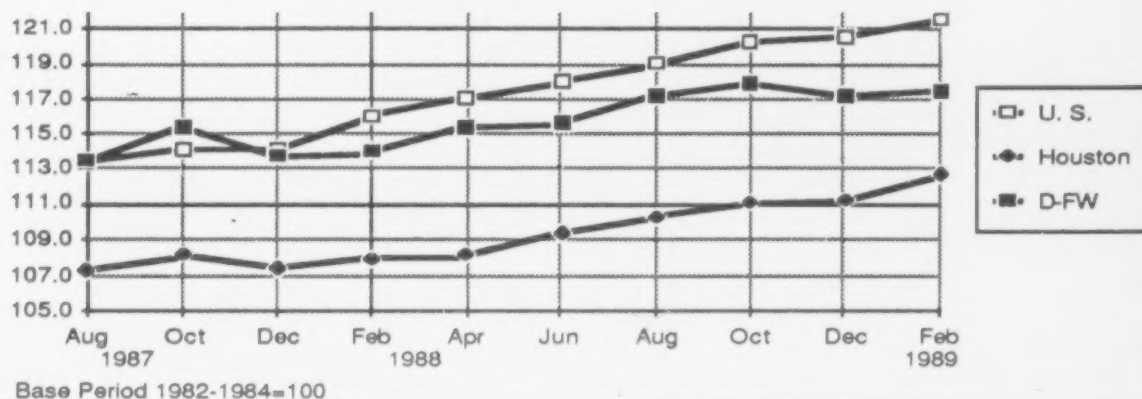
The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also declined somewhat, from 7.1 percent in January to 6.7 percent in February. The February 1989 rate in this series was also considerably below the year-ago rate of 8.1 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate dropped from 5.4 percent in January to 5.1 percent in February, down from 5.7 percent a year earlier. The actual rate for the Nation slid from 6.0 percent in (continued on page 3)

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + **TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,600	49,900	48,200	78,700	78,000	76,500	354,600	352,400	353,300	132,500	132,800	129,300
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	4,700	9,200	9,000	9,900	41,100	41,100	40,500	25,100	25,100	24,000
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,300	1,300	1,400	700	700	800	1,800	1,800	1,700
Construction	1,900	2,100	1,800	3,500	3,400	3,300	13,400	13,400	14,400	8,700	8,800	7,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,800	5,500	5,500	10,400	10,500	10,500	9,700	9,800	9,700
Trade	13,800	13,900	13,100	22,400	22,300	21,800	75,800	75,900	76,500	31,900	32,100	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,800	24,000	24,200	24,800	5,200	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,100	13,100	16,900	16,300	16,300	85,200	84,400	83,600	29,500	29,700	29,100
Government	9,000	9,000	8,800	13,800	13,500	13,900	104,000	102,200	102,400	20,800	20,500	20,400
TOTAL	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	80,300	80,000	57,600	89,800	89,500	86,500	80,700	48,100	48,800	124,700	124,700	122,900
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	15,400	10,000	9,900	9,800	3,400	3,400	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,200	-	-	-	800	800	800	4,500	4,500	4,000
Construction	7,300	7,400	5,600	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,900	1,800	8,100	8,200	7,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,500	8,400	8,400	7,100
Trade	11,000	11,100	10,700	18,200	17,300	17,100	10,700	10,300	10,400	30,900	31,000	30,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	1,700	1,800	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,300	8,100	15,700	15,600	14,500	8,900	9,000	8,600	28,400	28,800	28,200
Government	11,300	11,000	11,000	17,000	16,900	16,600	22,200	19,900	21,100	28,000	27,800	27,700
TOTAL	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,338.2	1,341.2	1,328.1	195,600	195,300	190,700	527,700	527,400	519,700	70,500	69,800	71,700
Manufacturing	221.7	222.4	222.1	40,100	40,000	40,000	121,500	120,700	118,700	8,200	8,200	8,400
Mining	17.5	17.6	16.7	-	-	-	4,100	4,100	3,600	500	500	600
Construction	48.9	50.0	57.2	8,700	8,800	9,000	21,300	22,100	22,900	4,900	4,800	5,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.1	91.9	89.8	10,600	10,600	10,400	30,900	30,800	29,900	4,600	4,500	4,900
Trade	348.2	348.2	338.2	46,800	46,900	45,000	135,100	135,400	136,000	13,500	13,400	13,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	127.1	127.5	130.1	8,400	8,400	8,700	26,800	26,800	26,800	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	331.9	331.6	321.8	38,900	38,900	36,800	118,200	118,300	113,500	13,700	13,800	13,300
Government	152.8	152.0	150.2	42,100	41,700	40,800	69,500	69,400	68,300	21,000	20,700	21,600
TOTAL	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,455.5	1,452.5	1,408.3	71,900	71,300	69,500	39,000	36,000	36,800	65,800	66,100	64,900
Manufacturing	156.5	156.2	152.1	8,500	8,400	7,700	1,800	1,900	1,700	15,800	15,800	15,600
Mining	66.5	66.7	64.2	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,800	3,700	3,700
Construction	85.5	85.5	84.1	3,700	3,500	3,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.1	100.4	98.2	2,800	2,700	2,700	5,100	5,000	4,800	3,100	3,000	3,000
Trade	359.9	362.3	346.4	16,200	16,200	15,900	11,700	11,600	10,500	18,800	17,100	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.9	99.9	101.0	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	390.1	386.2	372.5	16,500	16,400	15,400	6,200	6,400	6,100	12,200	12,200	11,800
Government	198.9	196.3	189.8	21,200	21,100	21,600	9,700	9,600	8,900	8,500	8,500	8,500
TOTAL	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,800	93,800	91,700	100,600	100,400	92,300	44,100	44,400	44,200	42,400	42,500	43,500
Manufacturing	7,800	7,700	7,100	14,700	14,800	12,100	2,800	2,800	2,700	4,000	3,900	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,700	9,900	10,200	5,600	5,700	6,300
Construction	3,200	3,200	2,900	4,200	4,100	3,900	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,700	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,700	4,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	27,800	27,800	27,200	31,800	31,800	28,200	9,700	9,900	9,800	12,600	12,700	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,300	3,700	3,700	3,600	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,100	22,100	18,200	18,300	15,400	9,500	9,600	9,500	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	21,900	21,800	22,100	28,000	25,700	25,000	6,800	6,500	6,300	7,500	7,400	7,800
TOTAL	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,700	36,400	36,500	503,000	501,500	495,300	36,800	37,100	37,400	44,900	44,900	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,400	47,400	47,100	47,000	10,900	11,100	11,200	7,500	7,500	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,100	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500	22,600	22,500	28,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,300	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200	19,000	18,900	19,000	1,900	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,100	9,200	9,200	126,100	127,500	124,300	7,700	8,000	7,800	10,400	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,800	39,800	38,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,000	126,300	124,600	121,500	8,500	8,300	8,600	9,500	9,500	9,000
Government	7,300	7,000	6,900	120,000	119,200	115,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,400	12,200	12,300
TOTAL	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	60,700	60,500	59,800	27,700	27,100	27,500	80,200	79,300	78,200	50,700	50,800	49,800
Manufacturing	10,800	10,500	10,600	3,000	3,000	3,100	14,900	14,700	14,600	8,000	8,000	8,100
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,800	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300	2,000	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,400	1,300	1,400	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	15,900	16,200	15,900	7,700	7,700	7,400	18,700	18,600	18,400	12,000	12,100	11,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,700	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	14,500	14,100	6,200	6,000	6,000	21,800	21,300	21,100	11,900	11,900	11,700
Government	9,400	9,400	9,900	5,100	4,700	4,800	13,000	12,900	12,700	10,000	9,900	9,800

+ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
 * Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)
FOR U. S., DALLAS-FORT WORTH & HOUSTON CMSA'S
Aug. 1987 - Feb. 1989**



January to 5.6 percent in February. The year-ago actual U. S. rate was 6.2 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS UP SEASONALLY

The number of Nonagricultural Wage and Salary jobs in Texas rose by 9,700 in February, due primarily to seasonal hiring in educational facilities for the spring semester. In mid-February, there were an estimated 6,702,500 **Nonfarm Salaried Jobs** in Texas — up over 150,000 from the February 1988 total. Seasonal losses in Trade and Construction, combined with a sizeable decline in Mining, held the over-the-month growth to a moderate level.

State and Local Government each gained close to 6,000 jobs due to staffing at schools and colleges in February. Federal Government recorded a modest number of accessions during the month. These increases gave **Government** a total of 12,200 additional jobs in February.

The other industry group which benefitted from hiring for the semester's opening was Educational Services. Another sector of **Services** which advanced over the month was Health Services, where hospitals and doctors' offices both expanded to handle flu cases. Health Services continues to show stronger growth than any other single industry sector in Texas.

Other Services and Miscellaneous, which includes civic and fraternal associations, usually begins expanding in early spring as preparations for outdoor activities such as baseball get underway. The only Service category to record a loss in February was Business and Repair Services. Some of the decline in this sector was due to icy weather in

February, which caused some businesses to close temporarily.

Only one additional nonmanufacturing group increased in February — **Transportation and Public Utilities** gained 1,900 jobs. All of the growth in this sector has been generated by Transportation, except Railroads, as the other three components remained constant over the month. During the past year, Communication had declined by 1,000 jobs, while Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services had increased by only 200 positions.

Employers in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** deleted 1,000 jobs in February. The losses occurred primarily in the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate category. This sector includes Finance, other than Banks, which lost 700 jobs, and Real Estate Agents and Managers, where 600 positions were cut.

Mining declined by 2,400 jobs in February as layoffs occurred in Oil and Gas Extraction. Scattered post-Christmas layoffs in the Retail sector pushed employment in **Trade** down by 6,600 over the month. The largest decreases were in General Merchandise Stores, in Food Stores, and in Apparel and Accessory Stores. Most of these declines were seasonal, as workers hired for the Christmas season were laid off. The only notable upturn in Retail Trade was in Eating and Drinking Places. Wholesale Trade also gained a sizeable number of new jobs over the month.

The largest downturn between January and February was in **Construction**, where 6,700 jobs were deleted. Losses were spread through every sector of Construction, as bad weather curtailed most outdoor activities. Although the decreases (continued on page 7)

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT †

	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Chg. from Jan. '89	Chg. from Feb. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	8,702,500	8,692,800	8,551,300	9,700	151,200
MANUFACTURING	965,400	964,100	948,000	1,300	17,400
Durable Goods	556,600	556,500	547,400	100	9,200
Lumber & Wood Products	33,000	33,300	33,100	-300	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,000	16,100	16,300	-100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,200	41,300	41,200	-100	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,000	17,200	17,800	-200	-800
Primary Metal Industries	28,300	28,300	28,200	0	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,600	77,600	73,900	0	3,700
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,900	36,700	35,300	200	1,600
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,100	105,800	104,200	300	1,900
Oil Field Machinery	24,900	25,000	24,900	-100	0
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,500	116,800	117,100	-300	-600
Transportation Equipment	98,600	98,400	96,000	200	2,600
Aircraft & Parts	56,700	56,700	54,700	0	2,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,500	24,300	23,800	200	700
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,600	13,600	0	1,200
Nondurable Goods	408,800	407,600	400,600	1,200	8,200
Food & Kindred Products	97,400	98,000	95,000	-600	2,400
Meat Products	28,700	28,900	28,700	-200	0
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,700	9,900	9,500	-200	200
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	57,500	57,200	56,700	300	800
Paper & Allied Products	25,300	25,200	23,900	100	1,400
Printing & Publishing	75,600	75,100	74,000	500	1,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,800	35,600	36,300	200	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,600	77,400	75,400	200	2,200
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,500	28,400	30,200	100	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,300	26,900	100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,300	7,700	100	700
Other Nondurable Goods	34,700	34,200	34,000	500	700
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,737,100	5,728,700	5,603,300	8,400	133,800
Mining	177,400	179,800	185,000	-2,400	-7,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Minr's., exc. Fuel	9,100	9,000	9,900	100	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,300	170,800	175,100	-2,500	-6,800
Construction	302,000	308,700	322,700	-6,700	-20,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	396,300	394,400	381,800	1,900	14,500
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,600	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	220,100	218,300	203,200	1,800	16,900
Transportation by Air	67,900	67,200	59,000	700	8,900
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,100	81,000	82,100	100	-1,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,100	76,100	75,900	0	200
Electric Services	41,000	41,000	41,300	0	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	27,100	0	300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,646,100	1,652,700	1,615,500	-6,600	30,600
Wholesale Trade	414,300	412,800	407,300	1,500	7,000
Retail Trade	1,231,800	1,239,900	1,208,200	-8,100	23,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,900	41,700	41,900	200	0
General Merchandise Stores	167,400	173,000	159,000	-5,600	8,400
Food Stores	218,600	220,400	220,200	-1,800	-1,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,200	133,700	134,400	-500	-1,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,600	84,100	82,400	-1,500	200
Eating & Drinking Places	406,600	405,000	392,000	1,600	14,600
Other Retail Trade	181,500	182,000	178,300	-500	3,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	438,900	439,900	436,700	-1,000	2,200
Banking	96,700	96,800	93,200	-100	3,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,900	141,300	139,700	600	2,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,300	201,800	203,800	-1,500	-3,500
Services	1,557,100	1,546,100	1,480,500	11,000	76,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,600	81,200	80,800	400	800
Personal Services	85,800	85,800	85,000	0	800
Business & Repair Services	435,200	436,300	409,800	-1,100	25,400
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	54,000	53,800	51,400	200	2,600
Health Services	431,900	428,900	404,400	3,000	27,500
Educational Services	77,900	73,700	79,500	4,100	-1,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	390,800	386,400	369,600	4,400	21,200
Total Government	1,219,300	1,207,100	1,181,100	12,200	38,200
Federal Government	199,000	198,200	195,800	800	3,200
State Government	247,100	241,500	239,200	5,600	7,900
Local Government	773,200	767,400	746,100	5,800	27,100

† Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**	FEB.'89*	JAN.'89**	FEB.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,000	53,600	52,900	96,100	96,100	97,100	417,000	418,100	425,300
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,700	4,200	5,000	6,400	6,900	23,500	25,300	30,400
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.9%	7.9%	5.2%	6.7%	7.1%	5.6%	6.1%	7.1%
Total Employment ++	49,400	49,900	48,700	90,100	89,700	90,200	393,500	392,800	394,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,100	161,200	162,000	81,400	82,000	80,700	97,300	97,400	97,400
Total Unemployment	15,900	17,800	20,400	6,000	6,800	7,900	12,200	12,600	16,000
Percent Unemployed	10.0%	10.9%	12.6%	7.4%	8.0%	9.8%	12.5%	12.9%	16.4%
Total Employment ++	143,200	143,600	141,600	75,400	75,400	72,800	85,100	84,800	81,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,900	56,600	57,400	154,500	155,000	157,800	1,420.7	1,432.5	1,432.6
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,200	3,100	13,700	14,000	18,600	80.1	84.4	95.3
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	5.7%	5.4%	8.9%	9.0%	11.8%	5.6%	5.9%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	56,000	53,400	54,300	140,800	141,000	139,200	1,340.6	1,348.1	1,336.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,300	239,200	238,300	672,800	676,200	675,500	103,400	103,400	108,400
Total Unemployment	25,700	26,300	29,400	40,700	42,100	49,500	8,200	9,000	11,400
Percent Unemployed	10.8%	11.0%	12.3%	6.0%	6.2%	7.3%	7.9%	8.7%	10.5%
Total Employment ++	212,600	212,900	208,900	632,100	634,100	626,000	95,200	94,400	97,000
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,599.2	1,607.6	1,593.5	94,300	94,300	92,200	48,200	48,800	47,700
Total Unemployment	99.8	106.0	131.8	7,700	8,100	8,000	6,900	7,500	8,500
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.6%	8.7%	14.3%	15.4%	17.8%
Total Employment ++	1,499.4	1,501.6	1,461.7	86,600	86,200	84,200	41,300	41,300	39,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,600	78,600	112,800	112,400	111,500	162,500	163,300	154,100
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,600	8,600	6,100	6,100	7,100	29,600	30,500	31,400
Percent Unemployed	9.4%	9.7%	10.9%	5.4%	5.4%	6.4%	18.2%	18.7%	20.4%
Total Employment ++	70,400	71,000	70,000	106,700	106,300	104,400	132,900	132,800	122,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,100	48,500	49,300	51,700	52,400	53,500	44,300	44,400	44,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,800	4,500	4,600	4,800	2,600	3,000	2,900
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.6%	7.7%	8.7%	8.8%	9.0%	5.9%	6.8%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	45,000	45,300	45,500	47,200	47,800	48,700	41,700	41,400	41,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	596,600	599,100	599,200	46,800	47,600	48,700	56,700	57,300	57,300
Total Unemployment	45,800	48,000	53,900	3,100	3,300	4,000	4,700	4,800	5,300
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	8.0%	9.0%	6.6%	6.9%	8.2%	8.3	8.4	9.2
Total Employment ++	550,800	551,100	545,300	43,700	44,300	44,700	52,000	52,500	52,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,800	73,800	74,800	35,000	35,100	36,200	91,100	91,400	92,600
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,600	6,600	2,200	2,400	3,100	5,400	5,900	8,100
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.6%	8.8%	6.3%	6.8%	8.6%	5.9%	6.5%	8.7%
Total Employment ++	68,300	68,200	68,200	32,800	32,700	33,100	85,700	85,500	84,500
	WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS***					
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,700	57,000	56,800				8,150.5	8,188.1	8,184.4
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,700	4,800				594.0	621.8	715.5
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.5%	8.5%				7.3%	7.6%	8.7%
Total Employment ++	53,000	53,300	52,000				7,556.5	7,566.3	7,468.9

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ** Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS †

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89	Feb. '88	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89	Feb. '88	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89	Feb. '88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 415.93	\$ 419.15	\$ 409.61	41.1	41.5	41.5	\$ 10.12	10.10	9.87
Durable Goods	412.05	417.83	408.24	41.0	41.7	41.7	10.05	10.02	9.79
Lumber & Wood Products	295.40	297.12	289.88	41.2	40.1	40.6	7.17	7.18	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	261.19	262.55	247.68	39.1	39.6	38.7	6.68	6.63	6.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	379.69	386.22	384.56	39.8	41.0	41.8	9.54	9.42	9.20
Primary Metal Industries	440.92	453.89	441.60	40.6	41.3	41.7	10.86	10.99	10.59
Fabricated Metal Products	386.62	389.00	373.89	42.3	42.7	42.2	9.14	9.11	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	421.88	438.05	424.71	42.0	43.5	42.9	10.04	10.07	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	489.30	511.42	512.09	42.4	45.5	45.6	11.54	11.24	11.23
Electric & Electronic Equip.	438.69	448.78	431.58	39.7	41.4	40.6	11.05	10.84	10.63
Transportation Equipment	544.90	543.17	547.31	41.5	41.4	43.3	13.13	13.12	12.64
Instruments & Related Prod.	388.82	383.80	358.75	40.8	40.7	40.4	9.53	9.43	8.88
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	269.50	276.90	271.93	38.5	39.0	38.3	7.00	7.10	7.10
Nondurable Goods	420.24	419.83	412.17	41.2	41.2	41.3	10.20	10.19	9.98
Food & Kindred Products	343.21	347.76	341.13	41.4	42.0	41.5	8.29	8.28	8.22
Meat Products	267.86	267.07	257.48	41.4	41.6	41.0	6.47	6.42	6.28
Malt Beverages	857.21	892.64	792.93	44.3	45.8	44.9	19.35	19.49	17.66
Textile Mill Products	352.11	355.48	338.18	45.2	45.4	46.2	7.79	7.83	7.32
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	205.74	210.53	203.48	38.1	38.7	37.2	5.40	5.44	5.47
Paper & Allied Products	480.31	473.67	475.64	43.0	43.1	44.0	11.17	10.99	10.81
Printing & Publishing	391.64	395.52	381.54	38.7	38.4	38.5	10.12	10.30	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	680.40	666.76	658.59	43.2	42.2	43.5	15.75	15.80	15.14
Petroleum & Coal Products	706.02	703.58	677.82	44.6	44.7	43.9	15.83	15.74	15.44
Petroleum Refining	735.90	731.38	704.88	44.6	44.5	44.0	16.50	16.44	16.02
Leather & Leather Products	242.61	233.93	209.44	40.1	38.1	38.5	6.05	6.14	5.44
Other Nondurable Goods	392.16	396.89	392.40	43.0	43.0	45.0	9.12	9.23	8.72
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	523.71	514.56	517.90	40.1	40.2	41.8	13.06	12.80	12.39
Metal/Coal/Nonmet Minrs. exc. Fuel	489.52	495.63	547.01	42.2	43.4	44.8	11.60	11.42	12.21
Oil & Gas Extraction	525.48	516.00	516.26	39.9	40.0	41.6	13.17	12.90	12.41
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	507.13	504.90	496.31	39.9	39.6	39.8	12.71	12.75	12.47
Elec., Gas & San. Services	489.97	496.94	472.37	39.9	40.6	41.4	12.28	12.24	11.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.73	233.68	225.92	32.1	32.5	32.0	7.25	7.19	7.06
Wholesale Trade	409.51	407.64	389.44	39.3	39.5	39.1	10.42	10.32	9.96
Retail Trade	178.50	180.88	175.22	29.9	30.4	29.8	5.97	5.95	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	169.90	171.70	159.70	28.7	29.2	25.8	5.92	5.88	6.19
Banking	271.22	290.72	273.08	36.9	38.5	38.3	7.35	7.36	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$ 401.60	\$ 414.29	\$ 401.70	40.2	41.1	41.2	\$ 9.99	\$ 10.08	9.75
Durable Goods	422.65	440.02	426.17	40.1	41.2	41.7	10.54	10.68	10.22
Nondurable Goods	368.55	373.10	361.58	40.5	41.0	40.4	9.10	9.10	8.95
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	440.43	444.03	420.97	41.2	41.0	40.4	10.69	10.83	10.42
Durable Goods	461.03	465.97	440.92	41.2	41.2	40.6	11.19	11.31	10.86
Nondurable Goods	391.68	390.83	371.73	41.1	40.5	39.8	9.53	9.65	9.34
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	500.98	513.48	484.16	42.6	44.0	43.5	11.76	11.67	11.13
Durable Goods	412.25	431.73	410.40	42.5	44.6	43.2	9.70	9.68	9.50
Nondurable Goods	610.61	615.73	569.84	42.7	43.3	43.8	14.30	14.22	13.01
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	294.10	296.29	304.55	38.8	39.4	39.5	7.58	7.52	7.71
Durable Goods	329.55	323.65	341.38	39.0	38.9	40.4	8.45	8.32	8.45
Nondurable Goods	262.48	271.44	271.67	38.6	39.8	38.7	6.80	6.82	7.02

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. † Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

over the month were primarily seasonal in nature, the building industries continue to suffer from an availability of completed housing and office space in most areas of the State. Construction has now lost over 162,000 jobs since its peak, and more than one-third of the Construction jobs which existed in 1984 have been deleted.

Employers in Manufacturing created 1,300 jobs between January and February, with the Nondurable Goods sector contributing almost all of the increase. Although the over-the-month growth was not large, the Manufacturing industries have created over 17,000 jobs since February 1988. There were several moderate month-to-month gains in Durable Goods industries, but most of them were nullified by offsetting small losses. The largest of the increases in Durable Goods was a gain of 300 jobs in Nonelectrical Machinery. Smaller growth was registered in Transportation Equipment and in Instruments and Related Products. Cancelling most of these gains were declines of 300 in Lumber and Wood Products and in Electric and Electronic Equipment. Smaller decreases were also reported in Furniture and Fixtures and in Stone, Clay and Glass Products.

Gains were recorded in every division of Nondurable Goods, with the exception of Food and Kindred Products. This sector lost 600 jobs in February due to post-Holiday layoffs, many of them in Bakery Products. An estimated 500 jobs were added in Printing and Publishing over the month, and another 500 positions were created in the Other Nondurable Goods category. Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products gained 300 jobs. Smaller increases were noted in Chemicals and Allied Products, in Petroleum and Coal Products, in Paper and Allied Products, and in Leather and Leather Products. Employment in Textile Mill Products remained unchanged over the past month.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECLINE, HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

The number of Manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 700 between January and February, totaling 622,400 in mid-February. The average production worker in February was working a 41.1-hour week at \$10.12 per hour, and earning an average of \$415.93 per week.

Average Weekly Hours dropped by 0.4 hour over the month, but Average Hourly Earnings rose by 2¢ in February. The decline in average hours worked was more substantial than the small rise in earnings, pushing Average Weekly Earnings down by \$3.22 over the month.

The Durable Goods sector was primarily responsible for the decline in Average Weekly Hours, as the average for this group of industries dropped by 0.7 hour. Durable Goods also generated most of the over-the-month increase in Hourly Earnings.

Average Weekly Hours had also dropped by 0.4 hour from a year ago, but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 25¢ over the year. Even though the number of hours worked declined, the increase in hourly wages pushed the Average Weekly Earnings up by \$6.32 from February 1988 to February 1989.

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	JAN.'89	JAN.'88
Total Population	16,937,000*	16,841,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,578	313,962
Total Claims Actions	558,845	612,133
Total Initial Claims Actions	57,876	68,047
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	500,969	544,086
Total Placements	24,406	24,611
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$153.79	\$152.44
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	\$62,085,835	\$69,316,268

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